



MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP

The **Manufacturing Extension Partnership** (WMEP) is Wisconsin's lead agency for providing assessments of small to medium manufacturing establishments. WMEP's resource partners include the Department of Commerce, Wisconsin Technical College System, University of Wisconsin Extension and UW campuses, Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership, Marquette University, and the Milwaukee School of Engineering. Working with these powerful partners, WMEP can help a small company compare its future vision with its current position and with proven industry benchmarks, develop strategies for implementation, and move forward with feasible improvements.

Manufacturing assessment, as practiced by WMEP is broad-based. Our purpose is to "raise flags" where there may be an advantage in applying available resources. The assessment report is designed to "seed" facilitated planning and prioritization of strategies for change.

BENEFITS

Taking full advantage of the planning and implementation resources of Wisconsin Manufacturing Extension Partnership, past clients have:

- Improved their quality systems and reduced total costs of quality
- Reduced overall lead times and responded more quickly to market changes
- Increased production capacity without adding new overhead costs
- Developed new long-range planning skills
- Involved their workers in continuous improvement of processes

In short, they have improved their ability to compete in today's global economy.

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